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88 year old Somerset veteran presented with Korean Service Medal tomorrow

Somerset resident Clarence E. Rubadou, Jr., 88, will be presented with a long overdue medal tomorrow by Massachusetts National Guard's Brig. Gen. Thomas Sellars.

Rubadou earned the Korean Service Medal decades earlier but never received the prestigious award. Rubadou retired as a technical sergeant in the Air Force. He worked as an aircraft mechanic.

Sergeant Rubadou, now a resident of Country Gardens Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Swansea, did not know he earned the Korean Service Medal. His niece, Tracy Rayray, contacted a fellow Somerset resident and member of the Massachusetts National Guard for assistance.

Mrs. Rayray stated her uncle had been talking about the Korean Service Medal for years. "He never really knew if he received the medal or not," she said, "My grandmother wrote letters for years, but nothing happened."

Sergeant Rubadou's records showed the Korean Service Medal in addition to the National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

"Sergeant Rubadou is a war veteran and he deserves a proper presentation of an award he should have received more than 50 years ago," said Maj. Lisa Ahaesy, of the Massachusetts National Guard.

Sergeant Rubadou's wait will be over tomorrow at 10 a.m., when he properly receives the medal he earned so many years ago.

Media planning to cover this event are asked to call (508) 958-3187.

EVENT: Korean Service Medal presentation

DATE: Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Country Gardens Skilled Nursing Center, 2045 Grand Army Highway, Swansea, Mass.

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